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I think you are on to someone whose information is either hampered by a bad memory or an inclination to seize on part of the fact and then distort it to his advantage.

All the best.

Yours,

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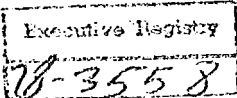
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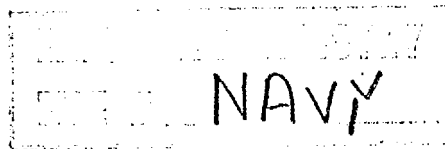
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